to 198.00/PMT for supply between September 2006 to January 2007 at Mundra port.

Weighted average price for import of 22 lakh tonnes under the third tender = US$ 197.81/PMT.

Statement-II

Details regarding the Central Issue Prices of Wheat effective from 1st July 2002.

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Name of the Scheme	Wheat (Rs./Tonne)
Above Poverty Line (APL)	6100
Below Poverty Line (BPL)	4150
Antyodaya Anna Yojana	2000
Mid Day Meal	4150
National Food for Work Programme	4150
Nutrition Programme	4150
Welfare Institutions & Hostels etc.	4150
Annapurna	4150
National Programme for Adolescent Girls	4150
World Food Programme	4150
Open Sale	On State-wise and crop year-wise rates fixed by HLC/GOI

Supply of cereals through PDS

1213. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had received a proposal from the National Commission on Farmers to supply cereals through PDS;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that supply of cereals through PDS will help to enhance nutrition security; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARD PAWAR): (a) and (b) The National Commission on Farmers in it's Fourth Report have viewed that the Public Distribution System (PDS) can also be encouraged to store and sell nutritious millets with appropriate price support to the farmers.

(c) and (d) Most coarse-grains have high nutrient values. The Government procures them from the farmers at a Minimum Support Price (MSP) fixed by the Government every year to avoid distress sale. The Government is allocating coarse-grains *viz*. Maize, Jowar, Bajra and Ragi to the States as and when demanded by them under PDS. During Khariff Marketing Season (KMS) 2005-06 a quantity of 2,51,520 MTs was allocated to the States.

Import of Wheat from Australia

1214. SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of wheat imported from Australia during the year 1998 and the expenditure incurred thereon;

(b) whether it is a fact that Australian Wheat Board has recently confirmed payment of Rs 11.25 crores into a Cayman Island Account as commission for a 1998 wheat import contract to India and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have since conducted any enquiry in this regard and if so, the names of the persons found involved in the receipt of commission; and

(d) the action Government have taken against them?